

REMARKS

Specification amendments

Figure 7, described in the specification, was inadvertently omitted from the application previously submitted. The applicants have opted not to submit this figure in order to preserve the original filing date of the application and have amended the specification to cancel references to the omitted figure. Existing Figures 4A-4E, 5 and 6 have been relabeled 5A-5E, 6, and 7, respectively, in order to create consecutive numbering; and the specification has been amended accordingly. Additionally, Figure 81 was submitted with the application, but was not referenced in the specification, so the specification has been amended to include a reference to Figure 81. No new matter has been added. Approval of the specification amendments is requested.

Drawings amendments

The drawings submitted with the application were found not acceptable by the Customer Service Center, Initial Patent Examination Division, because:

- The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 36A, 37.
- More than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in English alphabet (A, B, etc.) (see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1)). See Figure(s) 80.

The applicants agree with the above findings re Figures 36A, and 37. However, the applicants fail to see the above findings re Figure 80 from the copy of the application in their possession. In any event, the applicants have submitted formal drawings herewith as replacement for all the drawings previously submitted with the application,

including amendments submitted herewith, in order to be compliant with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 as required.

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Respectfully submitted.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing **RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT** is being deposited as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450, on this 25th day of November, 2003.



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